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STATEMENTS BY OR ABOUT FARM HOMEMAKERS HAVING J.M.T.

(From letters and annual reports)

Kentucky

Daviess County Home Demonstration Agent. - Many leaders reported their club members were most interested in J.M.T. and that club members had been made labor-saving-conscious. Many club members made dusting mitts and were using both hands to dust. Kitchens had been rearranged to save motions and steps. Methods of ironing had been improved. One leader used 44 different steps in doing her laundry, and by reworking her plan she cut the steps to 30, which was a saving of 14 steps in the job and saved her time and energy.

It was found that 153 women had used the help on J.M.T., 231 jobs had been made easier, and 75 nonclub members had been helped with the lesson. There were 123 women who had eliminated unnecessary tasks in housework; 138 had eliminated unnecessary motions in doing housework; and 176 homemakers sat whenever possible while working.

From Annual Report,

Venice M. Lovelady,
Home Demonstration Agent
Thelma K. Streeter
Owensboro

Hopkins County Home Demonstration Agent. -- Make Your Work Easier - The agent received special work in job methods training, and gave this to the club as the major project in October. A task was done the old way, then it was broken down the new way. Each homemaker took the task that she felt she needed help with, and did it the old way, broke it down into steps, and eliminated the unnecessary steps. At the next meeting, two women showed the club their task and how they had shortened time and eliminated steps. The women certainly enjoyed this work and it has helped all in their work. They say they are step-and-time-conscious and are saving both now.

From Annual Report,

Laverne B. Hixson,
Home Demonstration Agent
Madisonville, Ky.

Assembled by Dorothy Simmons, Extension Specialist, Work Simplification.
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Wyoming

"Five Laramie County homemakers and the home management specialist are convinced that they can improve their methods after taking a course in 'job methods' under Mr. Charles Newman, instructor at United Airlines. He asked each homemaker to select a common homemaking task, and tell exactly how she did this piece of work. Then the group studied the practical plan with Mr. Newman to improve their methods.

"It seemed that each homemaker found she could eliminate unnecessary details, combine work, rearrange for better sequence, and simplify all necessary details. In each case when the new method was applied the women found they could save half the time or more. Let us hear what some of them took for job break-downs.

"Mrs. M. O. Raynr selected as her task 'setting the table.' After applying the newest streamlined thinking, we find that instead of this operation of 'setting the table' requiring unnecessary steps, lifting the arms to third shelf, fourth shelf, and second shelf 15 times, requiring 10 minutes, we can perform the task in four major operations. We can reduce steps from 116 to about 20, material handling 50 percent, and expended energy 50 percent, and time 33-1/3 percent.

"Mrs. D. A. Giberti has been putting her laundry away haphazardly after it came from the laundry. She walked 348 feet. She says; 'Now I can save 263 feet of walking and eliminate almost all stooping and kneeling.

"When asked if she enjoyed this course in job methods she replied: 'I thought it fun and most valuable. People don't realize how many feet they walk until they measure.'

"Have you ever considered taking clothes off the line as a very big job? I'm sure you haven't, but Mrs. Robert James found she walked much too far in the process. She has two clotheslines about 30 steps long. When removing the clothes, she had to make two trips to the basket of clothespins in the middle of the lines. The process required 283 steps. Mrs. James made a clothespin bag which she carries with her, so now she removes clothes down one line and back the other, making one trip do it all, and walks only 138 steps. She thinks this training is a wonderful thing and she says she applies the methods to many homemaking tasks.

"Jobs connected with serving food seemed uppermost in our homemakers' minds. Mrs. Carroll Rhodes drew an excellent plan of her kitchen which helped her simplify dishwashing.

"Mrs. James Starbuck found she could improve her method of clearing the table, by using the tray from her son's high chair. Her customary method of procedure had been to take silver, glasses, cups, sherbets, saucers, and plates, each with

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a separate trip to the sink. Then using another trip for each, she took two vegetables to the refrigerator, then butter and cream and finally salt, pepper, sugar, and toothpicks to the cupboard. Total 140 feet. By using the high-chair tray she cut the distance to 38 feet. It was very simple. She placed sugar, pepper, salt, toothpicks, butter, cream and two vegetable dishes on tray, went to the cupboard and took off salt, sugar, pepper, and toothpicks (12 feet) then on to the refrigerator and took off the dishes (6 feet). It was 14 feet back to the table. She then placed all dirty dishes on the tray and took them to the sink (6 feet). Presto, the table was cleaned!"

From Annual Report,

Mrs. Ellen Lindstron Bramblett
Home Management Specialist

New Jersey

(Excerpts from farm homemakers' letters to Mary Anderson, Home Demonstration Agent, relating to JMT 10-hour course.)

My JMT course has proved a tremendous success.

(Mrs.) Margaret M. Keating

I am enclosing the break-down sheet that I carried away unknowingly. As I read it now I realize how much further I have been carried along the road of efficiency. I have ditched all that by the wayside and have "broken down" so many jobs that the whole kitchen has been revised. I can assure you that you have no more ardent JMT graduate than the one who signs herself,

Clare W. Heaslip

Thank you very much for a very pleasant and lasting experience.

I'm getting so much out of the JMT course and wonder how so many efficient ways of doing things escaped my notice heretofore. I'm still very keen about the results of my JMT course. I added intermediate shelves to my kitchen cabinets, my husband made me a tinware drawer, and I painted the inside of my stove drawers and rearranged things.

Eunice H. Bond

Our Job Methods Training course is over but I'm sure the memory lingers on for I often find myself unconsciously eliminating waste motion and observing others with a critical eye. We all enjoyed your classes a great deal and hope that our interest made up for the fact that only eight of us showed up.

Elinor Griffen

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I was glad to hear you are starting more JMT classes, because my mind continually keeps running to help me think of ways to eliminate steps and to save time and energy. Have you ever thought of all the time and energy you have saved us by your worth-while projects? Its accumulated total should make quite a holiday for one person.

Marion Houlroyd (Mrs. G)

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